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 Total forwarded.....	1,062

Respectfully submitted,

J. PERCY MOORE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The efficient services reported last year as having been rendered during the concluding months of 1917 by the Assistant Librarian, William J. Fox, have been continued and the growth of the library represented by the following report is the result:

The total additions amount to 4,503, consisting of 4,061 pamphlets and parts of periodicals, 293 volumes, 148 maps and one framed portrait.

They were received from the following sources:

Exchanges.....	2,024	James Aitken Meigs Fund.....	8
Isaiah V. Williamson Fund.....	1,209	United States Department of Commerce and Labor.....	8
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General Appropriation for the Purchase of Books.....	88	New York State Board of Charities.....	8
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Pennsylvania State Library.....	56	Thomas B. Wilson Fund.....	6
United States Department of the Interior.....	54	Mrs. Samuel G. Dixon.....	6
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American Entomological Society	30	Edward J. Nolan.....	6
Imperial Department of Agriculture of the British West Indies.....	22	Publication Committee of the Academy.....	5
Trustees of the British Museum	16	Commission of Conservation, Canada.....	5
New York Agricultural Experiment Station.....	15	Dr. Henry Skinner.....	5
Samuel G. Gordon.....	12	Queensland Department of Mines.....	4
Secretaria de Agricultura y Fomento, Mexico.....	11	Indiana University.....	4
California State Commission of Horticulture.....	9	United States War Department	3
Cuerpo de Ingenieros de Minas del Peru.....	9	Government of India.....	3
Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania.....	9	Witmer Stone.....	3
Utah Agricultural College Experiment Station.....	8	Department of Conservation and Development, New Jersey...	3
		California Fish and Game Commission.....	3
		Department of Fisheries, Bengal, Bihar and Orissa.....	2

University of Wyoming.....	2	William J. Fox.....	1
National Academy of Sciences..	2	Delaware Valley Ornithological Club.....	1
Geological Survey of Georgia..	2	Estacion Sismologica de Cartera.....	1
New South Wales State Fisheries.....	2	Iowa Geological Survey.....	1
Canada Department of the Interior.....	2	New York Archeological Association.....	1
Lowell Observatory.....	2	Commissioners of Fisheries and Game, Massachusetts.....	1
American Iron and Steel Institute.....	2	Zoological Society of Philadelphia.....	1
Escola Superior de Agricultura e Medicina Veterinaria, Pinheiro.....	2	Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco.....	1
Michigan Geological and Biological Survey.....	2	Scientific Society of San Antonio.....	1
Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.....	2	J. B. Haines.....	1
Roger Williams Park Museum	2	Government of Formosa.....	1
Florida State Geological Survey	2	Hawaiian Entomological Society.....	1
W. L. Abbott, M.D.....	2	D. J. Bullock.....	1
Louisiana State Museum.....	1	Department of Trade and Customs, Australia.....	1
Pan-American Union.....	1	Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History and Art..	1
Clarence B. Moore.....	1	Argentine Government.....	1
Illinois State Mining Board.....	1	Instituto de Butantan.....	1
Universidad Nacional, Mexico.....	1	Art and Museum Commissioners, Grand Rapids.....	1
Board of Water Supply, New York City.....	1	Department of Marine and Fisheries, Canada.....	1
Observatorio de Madrid.....	1	St. Louis Natural History Museum Association.....	1
Colorado Museum of Natural History.....			
Philip P. Calvert.....			
Scripps Institution for Biological Research.....			

They have been distributed to the various departments of the library as follows:

Journals.....	2,858	Physical Science.....	11
Agriculture.....	754	Ichthyology.....	11
Geology.....	373	Mammalogy.....	9
Geography.....	145	Conchology.....	8
Botany.....	118	Medicine.....	8
General Natural History.....	37	Mathematics.....	7
Entomology.....	25	Chemistry.....	5
Voyages and Travels.....	20	Herpetology.....	3
Mineralogy.....	19	Bibliography.....	2
Anatomy and Physiology.....	17	Helminthology.....	2
Ornithology.....	15	Philology.....	1
Anthropology.....	11	Miscellaneous.....	44

The following journals are new to the library:

- American Anatomical Memoirs. Philadelphia.
- Art and Museum Commissioners, Grand Rapids. Annual Report.
- Biochemical Journal. London.
- Biological Board of Canada. Bulletin.
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Memoirs.
- Escola Superior de Agricultura e Medicina Veterinaria, Pinheiro. Archives.
- Geographic Society of Chicago. Publications.
- Illinois Natural History Society. Transactions.
- Instituto de Butantan. Collectanea de Trabalhos, 1901-17.

- Instituto Geologico de Espana. *Memorias.*  
International Journal of American Linguistics. New York.  
Journal of General Physiology. Baltimore.  
Journal Russe de Zoologie. Petrograd.  
Junta de Ciencias Naturals de Barcelona. *Publicacions. Series Geologica.*  
Kansas Academy of Science. *Bulletin.*  
Kgl. Danske Videnskabernes Selskab. *Biologiske Meddelelser, Mathematiske  
fysiske Meddelelser.*  
Laboratorio de Plasmogenia de la Habana. *Boletin.*  
Madison Botanical Congress. *Proceedings, 1893.*  
New York State Archeological Association, Morgan Chapter. *Researches and  
Transactions.*  
New Zealand Journal of Science and Technology. Wellington.  
Pan American Record. Los Angeles.  
Royal Geographical Society. *Supplement of the Geographical Journal.*  
St. Louis Natural History Museum Association. *Bulletin.*  
Societa Italiana dei Microscopisti. *Bollettino.*  
Soil Science. New Brunswick, N. J.  
South African Institute for Medical Research. *Publications.*  
South Australia Director of Mines and Government Geologist. *Annual Report.*  
South Australian Museum. *Records.*  
Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences. *Museum Bulletin.*

Twelve hundred and twenty-five volumes and parts of periodicals were used on the premises, while 59 volumes were borrowed.

Four hundred and thirty-three volumes have been bound.

The resignation of Furman S. Wilde as Assistant to the Librarian was accepted. He has since been serving with the army in France.

Five hundred and nine serials and twenty-two volumes have been returned to the Superintendent of Public Documents, Washington.

The continued coöperation of Miss Wardle in library service is gratefully acknowledged.

EDWARD J. NOLAN, *Librarian.*

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#### REPORT OF THE CURATORS.

The past year, on account of unprecedeted conditions incident to the war, has not been one in which any important work outside the usual routine of the museum has been possible. Fuel restrictions have prevented the heating of the public halls and during certain days necessitated the closing of the work-rooms. One of our janitors left our employ early in the year and in order to meet additional expenses elsewhere we have managed to avoid the necessity of filling this position. The absence of several volunteer workers during most of the year, and of Mr. Rehn for several weeks, all on work connected with the war has hindered the progress of research work to some extent, while the serious illness of Dr. Skinner has kept him from his office for over two months. Notwithstanding these hindrances, however, the Curators feel that they may con-